

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace the listing of claims as pending in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A sputtering target that is a perovskite oxide represented by the chemical formula of $Ra_{1-x}A_xBO_{3-\alpha}$ (wherein Ra represents a rare earth element consisting of Y, SC and lanthanoid; A represents Ca, Mg, Ba or Sr; B represents a transition metal element such as Mn, Fe, Ni, Co, or Cr; and $0 < x \leq 0.5$) and having a relative density of 95% or more and a purity of 3N or more.

Claims 2-3 (canceled).